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For: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF POSITIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL
FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, NICKEL ELECTRODE
USING THE SAME MATERIAL AND ALKALINE STORAGE
BATTERY USING THE SAME NICKEL ELECTRODE

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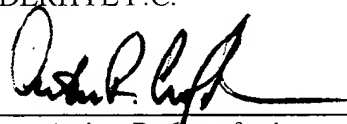
As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, a copy of each of which is enclosed. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists, or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

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